

The Season after Pentecost: *The Season of Creation*



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Church of the Good Shepherd: Mission Statement

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***We welcome our visitors today to join us in our mission and please sign the
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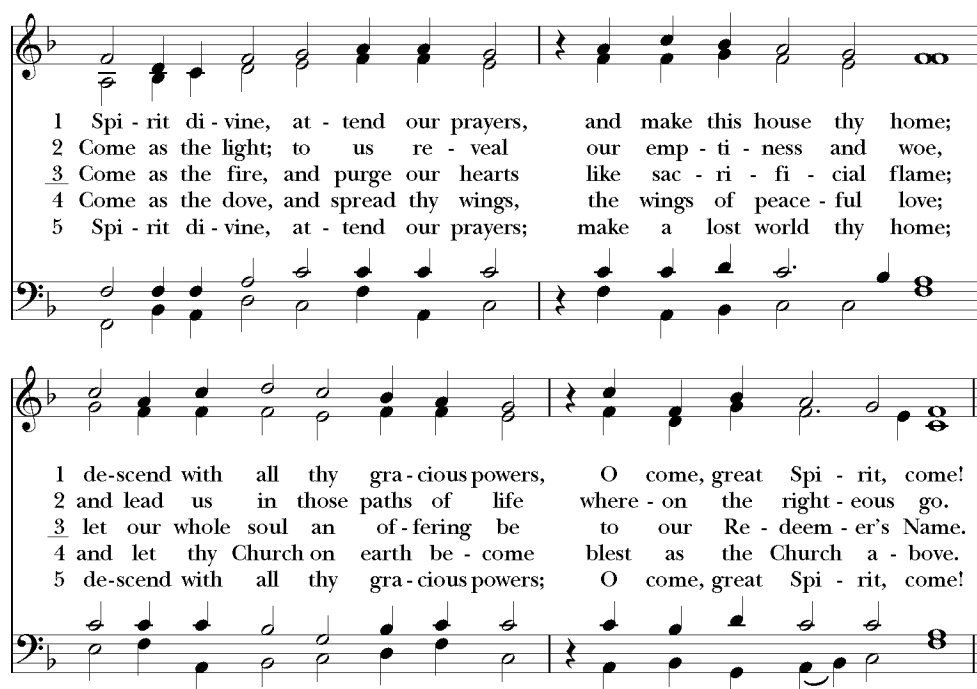
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The Holy Eucharist: *The Season of Creation*

The Word of God

During the Season after Pentecost, we celebrate the great gift of our sanctification and growth in the Holy Spirit. We ask for the grace of God's Holy Spirit to continue in our lives and throughout all creation as we seek to fulfill God's mission for the Church "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ." (Book of Common Prayer, page 855)

Processional Hymn: #509, 1982 Hymnal, "Spirit divine, attend our prayers"



1 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this house thy home;
2 Come as the light; to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,
3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peace - ful love;
5 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;

1 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers, O come, great Spi - rit, come!
2 and lead us in those paths of life where - on the right - eous go.
3 let our whole soul an of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.
4 and let thy Church on earth be - come blest as the Church a - bove.
5 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers; O come, great Spi - rit, come!

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: *The Holy One's love is new every morning.*

The Celebrant continues:

In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

All: Amen.

The Celebrant continues:

Grace and Peace to you from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

All: God is with us, here we find new life.

The Celebrant continues:

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

All: Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

Please see reading insert

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect. The People respond: Amen.

The Lessons:

Please see reading insert

The First Lesson:

Please see reading insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Appointed Psalm is now read:

Please see reading insert

The Second Lesson:

Please see reading insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #512, 1982 Hymnal, "Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove"

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

The Gospel Lesson

Please see reading insert

The reader says: “The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...”

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After the Gospel the reader says: “The Gospel of the Lord”

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The Credal Response

We believe in God, who creates all things,
 who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
 who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,

who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,

who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,

who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,

who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. ***Amen.***

The Prayers of the People:

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, “God of glory, hear us.”

I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for the environmental concerns that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud.

Silence, during which the people may offer their concerns.

We offer our fears,

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God’s creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park

managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for the dead, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works.

God of glory, hear us.

*Prayer to End Homelessness: **Dear God, an open door, a roof above, safe homes for all, by the power of Love. Amen.***

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace:

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

During this time we greet each other with the Peace of Christ as a sign of our fellowship. Following the Peace, an invitation will be extended to all to receive communion and to make an offering to God.



Offertory Hymn: #516, 1982 Hymnal, "Come down, O Love divine"

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing,
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

The Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers and stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues: And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by you, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, ‘Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.’

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, ‘Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.’ Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ’s coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ’s name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: ***The Lord’s Prayer,***
(sung first by cantor and then congregation responds)

**Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

on earth
as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time
of trial,
and deliver us
from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours forever,
And ever.
Our Father
In heaven,
Hallowed by your Name. *(last stanza sung in unison)*

The Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant: Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: #502, 1982 Hymnal, "O Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises"
Sung by Amy Eschebach, Beth Hilgartner, Josie Strong, Marjorie Strong

The Post Communion Prayer: *(said by all)*

God of abundance, create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **AMEN**

Blessing and Dismissal

Parish Announcements

The Dismissal:

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us go forth into all Creation rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #531, 1982 Hymnal, "O Spirit of the living God"

1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in
2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to
3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -
4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher - e'er the foot of
preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -
tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the Name of Je - sus

man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.